

According to the Single Directive, issued by the Department of Personnel & Training, as amended from time to time, in regard to any person who is or has been a decision making level officer (Joint Secretary or equivalent or above in the Central Government or such officers as are or have been on deputation to a Public Sector Undertaking; Board Level Officers in Public Sector Undertakings; Officers of the Reserve Bank of India of the level equivalent to Joint Secretary or above in the Central Government, Executive Directors and above of the Securities & Exchange Board of India and Chairman & Managing Directors and Executive Directors and such of the Bank Officers who are one level below the Board of Nationalised Banks), there should be prior sanction of the Secretary of the Ministry/Department concerned before Special Police Establishment (Central Bureau of Investigation) takes up any enquiry (PE or RC), including ordering search in respect of them.

(b) and (c) No reference from Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) concerning term lending Financial Institutions has been received. CBI have however reported that during 1995 and 1996 only one reference involving officials of Life Insurance Corporation of India and Unit Trust of India has been referred to the Ministry of Finance seeking concurrence for registration of a case. The matter was examined in the Finance Ministry and based on the material available in the Ministry relating to the case, the Ministry came to the conclusion that the registration of a regular case did not seem to be warranted. The Ministry has accordingly forwarded the relevant documents to the CBI with a request to examine them and revert to the Ministry for concurrence if considered necessary.

Ceramic Industry

4280. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for providing natural gas to Rajasthan for the development of a ceramic complex;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) No proposal for providing natural gas has been received in this Ministry for development of a ceramic complex in Rajasthan.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) there is no proposal from this Ministry to provide natural gas for development of ceramic complex in Rajasthan.

[Translation]

Hard Coke Oven and Plant

4281. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of hard coke oven and plants in the country in 1982-83;

(b) the number of those ovens and plants in working condition at present;

(c) the quantum of coal consumed in manufacture of hard coke in oven and plants during 1982-83;

(d) the consumption of coal in the said works at present;

(e) the number of employees working in these ovens and plants during 1982-83 and the number of those working at present;

(f) whether most of the employees working in these plants have now been engaged in other works; and

(g) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) to (d) The Management Information System maintained by Coal companies does not give information on the number of Hard Coke Ovens and the Plants in the country in 1982-83 or the quantum of coal required/consumed by them in that year.

As per the information made available by CIL, currently 180 such plants are drawing raw coal from CIL sources. The monthly requirement of these plants is around 4.20 lakh tonnes.

(e) to (g) Coal companies do not have any information on the number of employees working in various Hard Coke Ovens in the country in 1982-83 or even at present. Presently, more than 180 Coke Oven Units are operational in the small and medium sectors spread over the length and breadth of the country. The coal companies do not maintain any information of the employees of these Coke Oven Plants.

[English]

Sales Tax on Companies

4282. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether as directed by the Supreme Court the Government are considering to establish a mechanism to